



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:
Arimura, et al.

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Protection Apparatus

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Ram N. Kackar

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 1, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one-month to expire on December 1, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. A one-month extension accompanies this response. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/SOEI/0030.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.